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SUBG: BERMUDA EXEMPTED COMPANIES ALLEGEDLY CONDUIT FOR
DEFENSE CONTRACT PAYOFFS.

1. U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AGENT VISITED BERMUDA
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JANUARY 5-7, PROBING ROLE OF LOCALLY-CHARTERED FIRM,
MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS CO., LTD. (MTC) AS
A CONDUIT FOR POSSIBLE ILLEGAL PAYMENTS BY A LARGE US
DEFENSE CONTRACTOR. MTC IS QUOTE EXEMPTED UNQUOTE COMPANY
(INCORPORATED HERE BUT DOING BUSINESS OUTSIDE BERMUDA)

WHOSE BENEFICIAL OWNERS ARE REPORTEDLY IRANIAN AND DUTCH

NATIONALS, PRINCIPALLY IRANIAN CITIZEN ABOLFATH MAHVI. FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES BY BOB WOODWARD IN JANUARY 2 AND JANUARY 16 EDITIONS OF WASHINGTON POST CHARGED THAT MAHVI WAS RECIPIENT OF MYSTERIOUS MULTIMILLION DOLLAR PAYMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE AWARDING OF MAJOR DEFENSE CONTRACTS TO AMERICAN CORPORATIONS BY IRANIAN GOVERNMENT. POST ARTICLES STATES THAT THESE PAYMENTS FUNNELED TO SWISS BANK VIA TWO BERMUDIAN COMPANIES, MTC AND UNITED AERO SERVICES CO., LTD. (UASCO).

2. PROMINENT BERMUDA LAW FIRM WHICH ADMINISTERS MTC AND UASCO FOR OVERSEAS PRINCIPALS (AND WHOSE PARTNERS SERVE AS LOCAL DIRECTORS OF BOTH FIRMS) PLEDGED COOPERATION WITH IRS PROBE. DURING VISIT OF IRS REP, LAW FIRM AGREED TO ARRANGE EARLY MEETING BETWEEN IRS AND MTC PRINCIPALS, PREFERABLY OUTSIDE U.S. OR BERMUDA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IRS NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH THREE MTC OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MAHVI, IN LONDON JANUARY 24. AT LAW FIRM'S REQUEST, POST SERVED AS POINT OF CONTACT WITH IRS IN CONFIRMING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS MEETING.

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